

THE DUARTE FAMILY

THIRD GENERATION MISSIONARIES



Dear Prayer Partners,

March 31, 2020

Two weeks ago today, we were gathering our carryon bags and preparing to exit an aircraft to set foot on Brazilian soil! Due to COVID-19, all the US airlines began shutting down travel to Brazil right before our planned departure. **We are so thankful God allowed us to literally be on one of the last flights out!**

Thank you for praying for our journey. God's hand was evident every step of the way! All of our checked luggage arrived safely, we were in and out of customs in under five minutes, Eliana did amazing on all the flights, and we were able to buy our most urgent house needs before all the major stores locked down! **We have spent the past fourteen days unpacking and making our new house into our home.** God also provided us with a very reliable vehicle. **In many ways, the semi-lockdown we have been under has made our transition here that much easier. We know many of you have prayed for our daughter in particular as her whole world has changed overnight. The Lord has answered your prayers and she has adjusted amazingly well!**

We know "normal" life as we all know it has changed recently and most of the American churches are now holding online services. My parents church here in Pedra is doing the same and I (Jed) have been able to preach on several occasions already. This has been an excellent reintroduction to preaching in Portuguese for me. Our immediate plans to begin language study for Gloria have temporarily been placed on hold due to the Coronavirus. We trust the Lord for our future and regardless of the world's circumstances, ultimately God's plan for us hasn't changed. **May we not waste this opportunity to share the hope of Jesus when so many people are fearful and searching for answers and peace.**

Pray with me for the salvation of a man I was able to witness to on Monday at the mechanic shop. His name is Hudson. He listened very well and accepted the tract I left with him.

My USA cell number (704.300.2959) still works, both Gloria and I are on **WhatsApp (55) 659.682.0304** and **Facebook at Jed Gloria Duarte.** Please reach out to us anytime. **We are always overjoyed to hear from you.**

Thank you for lifting us up to the throne of grace on a regular bases. We are so grateful for each of you.

Your Missionaries to Brazil,

Jed, Gloria, and Eliana Duarte

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Praises:

- We arrived safely in Brazil
- All luggage arrived
- We were able to get all our home essentials before the stores shutdown

Prayer Request:

- God's grace as we adjust to life here
- Hudson's salvation
- Co-laborers in the ministry



